



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026

MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

-Galatians 3:28

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister—Pastor Anne Andert
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Assisting Minister—Nancy Ribbeck
Communion Assistants—Linda and Lorie Becker
Communion Prep—Linda Becker
Lector—Skip Rath
Greeters—Darryl and Nancy Schutte
Ushers—Terry Amundson, Steve Christensen,
Rich Olmstead, and Darryl Schutte

INTRODUCTION

Romans 8 is considered by many people to be the greatest chapter in the bible.

It begins with our justification (being made right with God) by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone (vv.1-4); the words that changed the path of Martin Luther's life. It continues with words about suffering and much more, and then gets to the verses for today: Romans 8:26-39. These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the power of the Spirit praying for us, we are connected to God's love poured out in Jesus. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

GATHERING

*For personal prayer, you may find it helpful to turn to pages 72-87
(in the front of the hymnal).*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Seek Ye First



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3. We do not live by bread a - lone,
 and seek its righ - teous - ness,
 and you shall find;
 but by ev 'ry word
 and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CELEBRATING WHAT'S RIGHT WITH GOD'S WORLD

Katie Andert Kline

WORD

PSALM 119:129-136

L: We read Psalm 119 responsively:

- ¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**
¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:26-39

L: A reading from Romans.

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?

³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah—ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON *With Sighs Too Deep for Words* Pastor Anne Andert

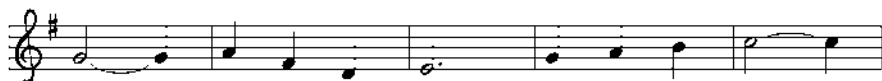
Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

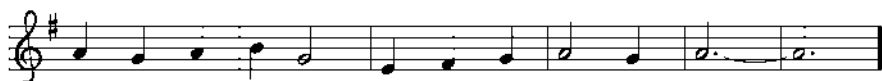
Christ, Be Our Light—ELW 715



ALL 1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
WOMEN 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
ALL 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
MEN 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
ALL 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



ALL Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

You may be seated for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Turning to God, we trust that even as we offer prayers the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. We join the Church praying for her work, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A; Holy God, you are the God of all truth, the One from whom no secret is hid, and who welcomes each and *every* one of us in all our brokenness. You have redeemed us by the power of your resurrection. Holy One we turn to you.

C: Christ, be our light.

A: Creator God, it seems that all creation groans in travail these days. The ash from wildfires fills our skies and our lungs. Many live with food insecurity and lack of insurance. People live in fear for so many reasons. Give us courage to speak the truth with humility, to listen with compassion, to confess with sincerity, to act with integrity, and to forgive with wisdom. Holy One, we turn to you.

C: Christ, be our light.

A: God of All, it is easy to be overwhelmed by the needs around us. Help us to see clearly the part that each of us can play to make a difference in this time and in this place. Make us bold to step out in love and compassion, caring for our neighbor as you commanded. Holy One, we turn to you.

C: Christ, be our light.

A: Gentle Jesus, be our peace and our guide, help leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. May we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. Holy One, we turn to you.

C: Christ, be our light.

A: You who are the Great Physician, hold us together when we are shattered, bring healing when there is no cure, and hear our pleas for those who struggle in body, mind, or spirit. We lift to you in the silence of our hearts those for whom we love and care. [silence] Give each one a sure and certain hope and the deep assurance that you are with them every step of their journey. Holy One, we turn to you.

C: Christ, be our light.

P: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the incredible grace of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you.

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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ANTHEM

Order My Steps

arr. Schrader

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING

As the Grains of Wheat

REFRAIN

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres-ence of your love. **Refrain**
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you. **Refrain**

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Receive who you are;
Become what you've received:
The body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING ✚

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray... Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION ✚

SENDING HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom—W&P 22



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the
King-dom of God! Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple:
Cit-y of God! Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple:
king-dom of God! Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice,
life in the King-dom of God! Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy,
shine for the King-dom of God!
grow in the King-dom of God!
bring forth the king-dom of peace; bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice,
bring forth the Cit-y of God!

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DISMISSAL

A: People of God, go in peace,

C: **to do justice,**
love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God. (*Micah 6:8*)

POSTLUDE



Weekly Calendar

Sunday	July 26	8:30am 9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Choir Worship Coffee Hour Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	July 27	8:30am	Sewing Bee
Tuesday	July 28	10:00am	Second Harvest
Wednesday	July 29	5:00pm	Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Thursday	July 30	6:00pm	OA
Sunday	August 2	8:30am 9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Choir Worship Coffee Hour Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

Altar flowers are given today in memory of Phil and Helen Simonds by Debbie Simonds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join us for a National Night Out Block Party on **Tuesday, August 4 from 5:30-7:00 pm**. We'll provide hot dogs, BBQ, chips, and water. Please bring a dish to pass. National Night Out is an opportunity for us to welcome our neighbors, local law enforcements agencies, and first responders. Bring a chair, if your wish.

YOUNG @ HEART

On **Thursday, August 13 from 12:00-2:00 pm**, come out for fellowship, lunch, and bingo! Lunch will be Pizza, Salad, and Ice Cream. In order to prepare lunch, please sign-up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons by Sunday, August 9.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Catch Sunday services (9:30 am) on YouTube.
Links and bulletins: oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

STAY CONNECTED

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SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Isaiah 55:1-5
- Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:13-21



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